

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY SILCHAR

SEVENTY NINTH SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

MINUTES

The 79th special meeting of the Board of Governors was held on 27th January, 2021 at 1415 hours. The following members were present in the meeting:

1. Sri Gautam N Mehra, Chairman & Managing Director, Savita Oil Technologies Limited, Chairperson, BoG
2. Prof. Sivaji Bandyopadhyay, Director & Ex - Officio, BoG
3. Dr. S. K. Kakoty, Professor, IIT Guwahati
4. Shri Abhijit Barooah, Managing Director, Premier Cryogenics Ltd, Guwahati
5. Prof. P. S Choudhury, NIT Silchar
6. Dr. Ripon Patgiri, NIT Silchar
7. Prof. Nalin Behari Dev Choudhury, Registrar (i/c) & Secretary, BoG

Sri Gautam N Mehra presided the meeting of the Board of Governors as Chairperson in accordance with Section 16 of the NITSER Act.

At the outset, Prof. Sivaji Bandyopadhyay, Director & Ex - Officio, BoG intimated that the Chairperson, BoG has approved to assign the function of Registrar to Prof. Nalin Behari Dev Choudhury, Professor, Department of Electrical Engineering w.e.f. 01.01.2021 and the same will be ratified in the next meeting of the Board of Governors of NIT Silchar.

Prof. Nalin Behari Dev Choudhury welcomed the Chairperson and other members who attended the meeting.

The representative of Government of India nominated by the Central Government amongst persons dealing with technical education and finance (i.e. representative of Ministry of Education) were not present in the meeting. However, since the quorum of the Board has been formed the Chairperson, BoG has allowed the proceedings of the meeting

The BoG then initiated the discussion on the following Agenda Item: -

BoG-79/21/01: Strike of Muster Roll Workers.

The Muster Roll workers of NIT Silchar are on strike, along with their family members including children, in front of New Administrative Building of the Institute since 22.01.2021. The Officials of the institute has tried to communicate with them to resolve their issues but the Muster Roll workers were demanding to regularise their service or grant them the Temporary Status. Further, they are not allowing any one to enter in the Administrative Office and other academic buildings.

It may be noted that the institute has recently completed the skill test and written test examination for the posts Junior Assistant, Senior Assistant and Superintendent and as per the Recruitment Rules for Non – Teaching Staff of NITs on 22nd and 25th January, 2021 respectively and the Muster Roll workers were granted one time age relaxation for participating in the same.

The Board is requested to discuss the matter and suggest the action to be taken.

DECISION

The institute intimated that the Muster Roll workers are on strike before the New Administrative Building of the Institute since 22.01.2021 along with their family





members and children and are not allowing anyone to enter into the New Administrative Building. Further, on 27.01.2021 they restricted Faculty and Staff members of the institute to enter into the Departments and other Section of the institute.

In addition to this, it is also learnt that they have filed a writ petition in the Gauhati High Court at Guwahati against the recent Non – Teaching Advertisement as well as for granting them temporary status.

The Muster Roll workers were demanding either to regularise their service in the institute or to grant them Temporary Status. The Authorities of the Institute (i.e. Director / Registrar / Deans) had dialogue with them several times to resolve the issue but they are not listening to anyone.

Because of the aforesaid situation as per statute 4(8) of First Statute of NIT, the Institute called a special meeting of Board of Governors on 27.01.2021 with permission of Chairperson, BoG.

The institute has briefed in details the status of the case of Temporary Status of the Muster Roll workers.

The Board then decided to put the matter of grant of Temporary Status to the Muster Roll Workers in the next meeting of the BoG.

The Board also confirmed the minutes of the BoG on the table itself.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.



(Prof. N. B. Dev Choudhury)
Registrar (i/c) & Secretary



(Sri Gautam N Mehra)
Chairperson, BoG